

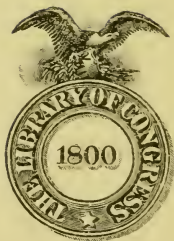
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HER RESOURCES
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Louisiana constitutes a portion of the southwestern part of the United States. Its parallels of latitude are $28^{\circ} 50'$ N., and 33° N., with no defined south latitudinal line, owing to its irregular Gulf border. Its meridians of longitude are $80^{\circ} 41'$ W., and $90^{\circ} 10'$ W. from Greenwich.

Louisiana contains 45,966 square miles of land, and 2,328 square miles of land-locked bays, lagoons and rivers. Louisiana soils are divided into alluvial lands, sea or coast marsh, redeemable by levees and drainage, bluff land, prairies, long leaf pines, hill lands and oak lands.

Louisiana has the greatest body of alluvial lands existing anywhere in the world. Only a small portion of these lands is subject to overflow from the Mississippi. Nearly all are protected by magnificent levees, maintained by the State and National Governments.

Louisiana is composed of 28,000,000 acres of land, of which only about 5,500,000 acres are cultivated, and on these there are yearly produced crops valued at nearly \$100,000,000.

Louisiana's **CLIMATE** is admirable. Breezy and cool in summer, mild in winter, healthful at all times. The State is not subject to extremes of heat in summer or cold in winter.

Louisiana's **PRODUCTS** are varied and abundant. Sugar, cotton, corn, rice, tobacco, oats, wheat, sorghum, jute, hemp, ramie, grasses, clovers and forage crops; millet, potatoes, vegetables, oranges, lemons, mandarins, olives, figs, and grapes are produced with great profit and little labor.

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a tremendous impetus to manufacturing, particularly at New Orleans.

Louisiana's **EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES** are splendid. Every parish is well provided with public schools for both white and colored people; tuition free. Industrial schools are at Ruston and Lafayette; tuition free. Private schools abound in all the small towns.

Louisiana's **STATE UNIVERSITY** and **AGRICULTURAL and MECHANICAL COLLEGE** is an up-to-date modern school. Its tuition is free. Its faculty is able and large. Its equipment is new and complete. Its branches are numerous. Its courses are thorough. Its discipline is excellent. Its grounds located on the, Mississippi River, Baton Rouge, are beautiful and the most attractive in the South.

Louisiana's great college at New Orleans, is **TULANE UNIVERSITY** for boys, and **NEW-COMB COLLEGE** for girls. The Medical, Law and Technical departments of the former are especially notable.

Louisiana's **STATE NORMAL SCHOOL** at Natchitoches, is a splendid training school for both sexes. It offers untold advantages for a scholarly education.

Louisiana's **INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS** at Ruston and Lafayette are magnificently equipped, and domiciled in comfortable and modern buildings. The faculties are energetic, thorough, and ample.

Louisiana's **INSTITUTIONS** are all modern and extensive. She has a magnificent Deaf and Dumb Institute, a splendid new Institute for the Blind, two large Charity Hospitals, a

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Soldiers' Home, large and commodious buildings for the Infirm, and an Institution for the Colored Blind at Alexandria. Louisiana has three State Agricultural Experiment Stations, at New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Calhoun. All classes are looked after and cared for in Louisiana.

Louisiana's **HEALTH** is good. The death rate is far below that of many States in the Union.

Louisiana's **TOWNS** and **CITIES** are progressive, thriving, business-like, and anxious to welcome in people from other sections.

Louisiana **EXEMPTS FROM TAXATION** foreign money sent here for loan and investment purposes.

Louisiana's **NEWSPAPERS** are patriotic and progressive. There are over 200 in the State and wield a large influence for the upbuilding of the commonwealth.

Louisiana's **PEOPLE** are peaceful, courteous, generous, liberty-loving, loyal and always ready to extend the hand of goodfellowship and hospitality to the stranger in her borders.



CONDENSED INFORMATION ABOUT LOUISIANA

The Louisiana Territory, after being under Spanish and French rule, through settlement and conquest, for over 250 years, was ceded by France to the United States on the 30th of April, 1803, for \$15,000,000. Louisiana was admitted as a State in 1812. The State is composed of fifty-nine parishes or counties, having a total population of 1,381,625 in 1900; this is rapidly growing. Private lands may be bought cheaply, the prices varying according to the richness of the soil, improvements, etc.

HOW TO GET INFORMATION

Should detailed information concerning any particular locality be desired, a letter addressed to the Secretary of the **NEW ORLEANS PROGRESSIVE UNION**, 528 Camp Street or to any of the following organizations in the State, will be promptly answered:

Alexandria, Progressive League
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Baton Rouge, Board of Trade.
Bogalusa, Progressive League
Bunkie, Commercial Club
Colfax, Board of Trade
Covington, Citizens League
Crowley, Board of Trade
De Quincey, Commercial Club
Duson, Progressive Union
Eunice, Progressive League
Franklinton, Progressive League
Gueydan, Business League

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Louisiana heads all the States of the Union in the acreage value of her crops raised. This is a census fact.

Louisiana's **FISHING GROUNDS** and **OYSTER BEDS** are famous and furnish the most delicious of these luxuries in the world.

Louisiana is the coming seat of the oyster industry of the United States. Her tidal bottoms, the home of the oyster, embrace 4,500,000 acres—a greater area of oyster waters than have Maryland and Virginia combined.

Louisiana's **FORESTS** are inexhaustible, magnificent, and the varieties of her timbers numerous. They consist of oaks, hickories, ash, elms, gums, magnolias, pines, maples, cypress and a quantity of others.

Louisiana has the greatest area of long-leaf pine of any State in the Union, and has more cypress timber than any other State. She is now the second lumber producing State in the Union, ranking next to the State of Washington.

Louisiana's **MINERAL WEALTH** is attracting world-wide attention. Louisiana has within her borders the greatest sulphur mine the world has ever seen. It is taken out of the earth 98 per cent. pure.

Louisiana's **FUEL OIL** fields are unsurpassed in the United States. Some of her oil wells have a record of 3,000,000 barrels of oil each.

Louisiana has the greatest deposit of pure rock salt in the western hemisphere. It comes up 99 per cent. pure.

Louisiana's **NATURAL GAS** fields are the greatest in the United States and have given

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Louisiana's **LIVE STOCK** consists of sheep, horses, hogs, cattle and mules. Her pastures are inviting, her waters are pure and refreshing, and her cane brakes in winter offer protection and forage.

Louisiana's **RAILROADS** are extensive, accommodating, convenient and modern. These traverse 5,852.84 miles of territory. Louisiana has a Railroad Commission that regulates and adjusts rates, fares and charges.

Louisiana was the second State in railway construction in 1907. She has more navigable rivers than any other State, and a greater length of navigable waterways than any. It is by exploiting and developing her resources, in a way that is rapidly pushing her to the front, that Louisiana is doing more than her share in making America the greatest of nations.

Louisiana's **RIVERS, BAYOUS and LAKES** are mostly all navigable and many run north and south through the entire State. They furnish transportation facilities for many commodities, and create competition in rates. They furnish water for irrigation, are deep running streams which abound in fish, and furnish cool water for stock. Every parish except four, can be reached by navigable streams at some period during the year.

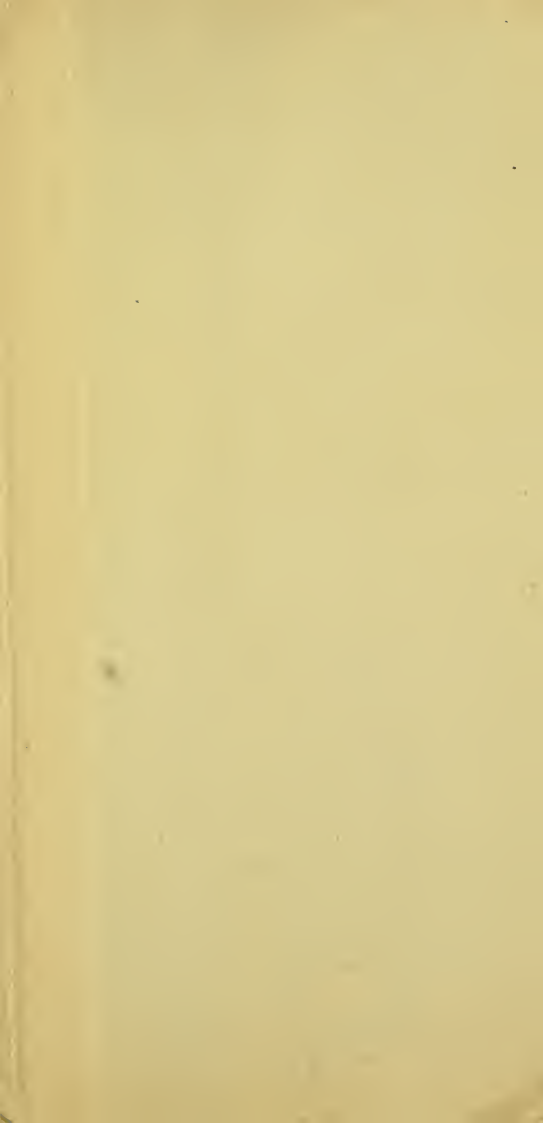
Louisiana's **PRODUCTS** make up an imposing total. Louisiana produces one million bales of cotton annually, and besides this, she produces 95 per cent of all the cane sugars raised in the United States, and more rice than any other State of the Union. One parish in Louisiana raises more rice than all of South Carolina.

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